QSC 2021 VMDR

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Course Training Documents

- QSC 2021 VMDR Lab Tutorial Supplement
- QSC 2021 VMDR Slides

You can download both documents from:

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https://bit.ly/qsc21vmdr
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Play Lab Tutorials

Click to open Lab Tutorial. **1**

Navigate to the following URL to view the "Configure Agents for VMDR" tutorial

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Configure Agents for VMDR

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Qualys VMDR Lifecycle

VMDR Agenda

1. **Asset Management**

   - Qualys Sensor Overview

   - CyberSecurity Asset Management (CSAM)

2. **Vulnerability Management (VM)**

   - Vulnerability Findings

   - Dashboards & Widgets

3. **Threat Detection & Prioritization (TP)**

   - VMDR Threat Feed

   - VMDR Prioritization Report

4. **Response – Patch Management (PM)**

   - Deployment Jobs

   - Patch Catalog

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Asset Management

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CIS Control 1: Inventory and Control of Enterprise Assets

CIS Controls

Overview

Actively manage (inventory, track, and correct) all enterprise assets (end-user devices, including portable and mobile; network devices; non-computing/Internet of Things (IoT) devices; and servers) connected to the infrastructure physically, virtually, remotely, and those within cloud environments, to accurately know the totality of assets that need to be monitored and protected within the enterprise. This will also support identifying unauthorized and unmanaged assets to remove or remediate.

CONTROL 01 Inventory and Control of Enterprise Assets

5 Safeguards — IG1 2/5 · IG2 4/5 · IG3 5/5

https://www.cisecurity.org/controls/inventory-and-control-of-enterprise-assets/

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Qualys Sensor Platform

Configure Agents for VMDR

- The patching and response functions in VMDR require Cloud Agent.
- Some Agent Activation Keys may need to be updated to include the VMDR application modules (i.e., VM, CSAM, SCA, and PM).

Lab 1: Configure Agents for VMDR

Please consult pages 3 to 14 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.

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Upgrade Agent Activation Keys

Upgrade Agent Activation Keys to include VMDR application modules (i.e., VM, SCA, PM, CSAM).

Activation Key Tagging Strategy

BEST PRACTICE:
Assign "static" tags to agent Activation Keys and use them to ensure agent hosts receive their appropriate performance settings, patching licenses, and patch job assignments.

CyberSecurity Asset Management

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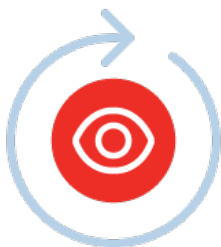# Discover and Inventory Assets

Asset Inventory Data Collection
- Passive Sensor
- Configure CMDB Sync (if using CMDB solution)

Normalization, Categorization & Enrichment* (performed automatically in the Qualys Cloud Platform)
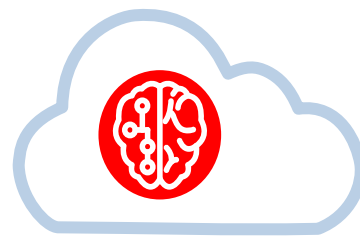
Organize and Manage Assets (configure Asset Tags)

Comprehensive Asset & Software Inventory

Physical Scanner   Cloud Agent
Virtual Scanner   Passive Sensor
Cloud Connector   API
Container Sensor   Out-of-Band

CSAM Catalog: Categorize, Normalize and Enrich

OS/HW/SW   Lifecycle Stage
Support Stage   License type
Manufacturer   Category

Qualys CyberSecurity Asset Management (CSAM) aggregates data from all sensors.

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Qualys Categorization, Normalization & Enrichment

	Operating Systems	Hardware	Software
Raw Data	Base OS Runtime AIX: 06.01.0009.0300 EE	Dell, Inc. R510	mysql-community-server 5.6.35-2.el7.x86_64
Category	UNIX > Server	Computers > Server	Databases > RDBMS
Manufacturer	IBM	Dell	Sun Microsystems
Owner	IBM	Dell	Oracle
Product	AIX	PowerEdge	MySQL Server
Market Version / Model	6	R510	5
Edition	Enterprise	-	Community
Version	6.1	-	5.6
Update	TL9 SP3	-	35-2.el6
Architecture	64-Bit	-	64-Bit
Lifecycle Stage	EOL/EOS	OBS	EOL
End-of-Life	30-Apr-2015	1-Sep-2012	28-Feb-2018
End-of-Support	30-Apr-2017	1-Sep-2012	28-Feb-2021
Support Stage	Unsupported	Obsolete	Extended Support
License Type	Commercial	-	Open Source (GPL-2.0)

Normalization & categorization

Advanced asset information

Search Hardware Categories

hardware.category1: value1

hardware.category2: value2

hardware.category: value1 / value2

→

hardware.category1: `Networking Device`

hardware.category2: `Switch`

hardware.category: `Networking Device / Switch`

✕ hardware.category1:'Networking Device'

✕ hardware.category2:'Switch'

✕ hardware.category:'Networking Device/Switch'

ASSET	OPERATING SYSTEM	HARDWARE
10.46.105.2 10.46.105.2	cisco Cisco Systems NX-OS	Cisco Systems Nexus Switch Switch
10.46.105.1 10.46.105.1	cisco Cisco Systems NX-OS	Cisco Systems Nexus Switch Switch
10.46.105.3 10.46.105.3	cisco Cisco Systems NX-OS	Cisco Systems Nexus Switch Switch

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Hardware Category List

CATEGORY	ASSETS
Virtualized / Virtual Machine	589
Unidentified / Unidentified	238
Computers / Unidentified	238
Computers / Server	155
Networking Device / Unidentified	46
Virtualized / Cloud Instance	36
Network Security Device / Firewall Device	24
Networking Device / Switch	16
Unknown	14

Group Assets by : **Hardware Category**

1 - 19 of **19**

Group assets by Hardware Category to build a list of hardware category values in your account.

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Search OS Categories

operatingSystem.category1: value1
operatingSystem.category2: value2
operatingSystem.category: value1 / value2

→

operatingSystem.category1: `Windows`
operatingSystem.category2: `Server`
operatingSystem.category: `Windows / Server`

✕ operatingSystem.category1:'Windows'

✕ operatingSystem.category2:'Server'

✕ operatingSystem.category:'Windows/Server'

ASSET	OPERATING SYSTEM	HARDWARE
EC2AMAZ-H3CN8NE 54.203.137.60,172.16.1.114 0A:87:39:10:32:0A	Microsoft Windows Se... Datacenter 1809 64-Bit	- Virtual Machine
WIN2019SRV1ESXI 10.0.1.165,2600:8800:3780:1a:8dcb:1... 00:0C:29:75:7C:B6	Microsoft Windows Se... Datacenter Evaluation 1809 64-Bit	VMware VMware Virtual Platfo... Virtual Machine
WIN2008SRV2ESXI fe80:0:0:0:203c:d6fc:e713:7e36,fd00:8... 00:0C:29:66:A6:25	Microsoft Windows Se... Enterprise 6.1 SP1 64-Bit	VMware VMware Virtual Platfo... Virtual Machine

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OS Category List

CATEGORY	ASSETS
Linux / Unidentified	329
Windows / Server	260
Windows / Client	231
Unidentified / Unidentified	203
Linux / Server	132
Network Operating System / Unidentified	89
Windows / Unidentified	32
Virtualization / Hypervisor Type-1 (Bare Metal)	29
Mac / Client	19

Group Assets by : OS Category   1 - 18 of 18

Group assets by OS Category to build a list of operating system category values in your account.

Search Software Categories

software:(category1: value1)
software:(category2: value2)
software:(category: value1 / value2)

→

software:(category1: `Security`)
software:(category2: `Endpoint Protection`)
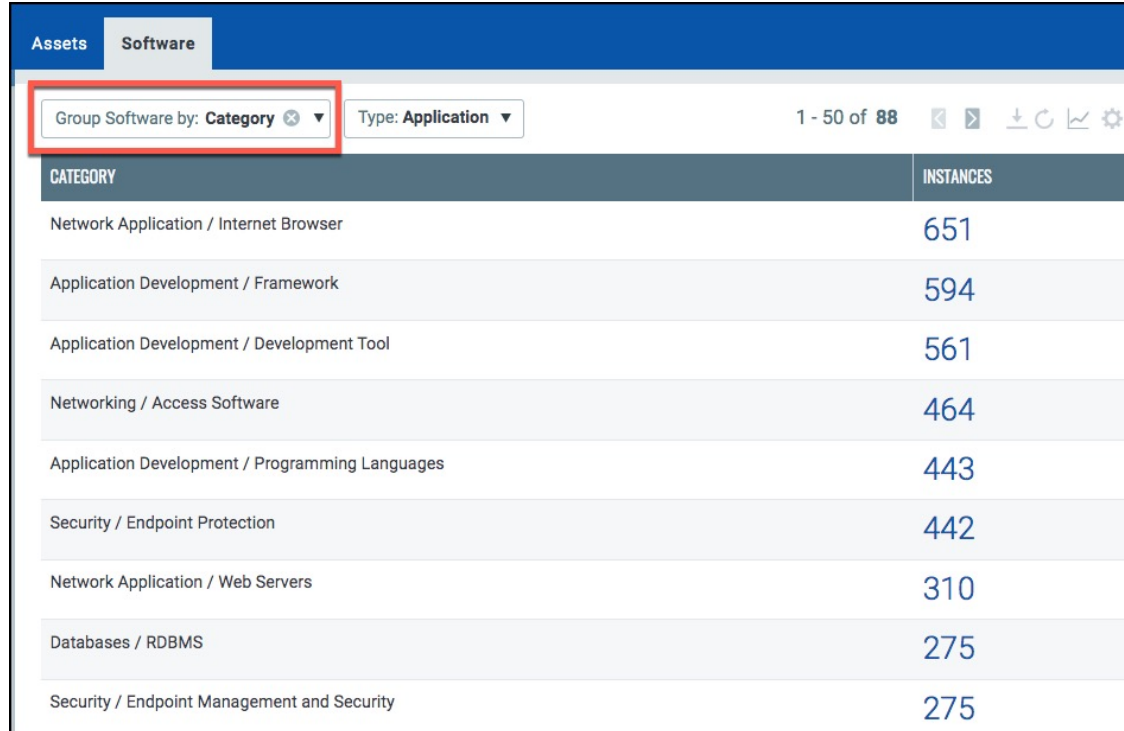software:(category: `Security / Endpoint Protection`)

✕ software:(category1:'Security')

RELEASE

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4.2.0.8

Microsoft
6.1.7600.16

OpenSSL
1.0.2k 64-B

✕ software:(category2:'Endpoint Protection')

RELEASE

Privax HMA
4.6.151

OpenVPN
3.1.3

Palo Alto N
5.0.7

✕ software:(category:'Security/Endpoint Protection')

RELEASE	CATEGORY	LICENSE
Microsoft Windows Defender 4.18.1807.18075	Security Endpoint Protection	Commercial Free
Privax HMA! Pro VPN 4.6.151	Security Endpoint Protection	Commercial Licensed
OpenVPN 3.1.3	Security Endpoint Protection	Open Source GNU General Public

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Software Category List

Group Software by Category to build a list of software category values in your account.

Lab 2 : Search Using Categories

Please consult pages 15 to 16 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

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Software License Category

Commercial – Supported by vendor.
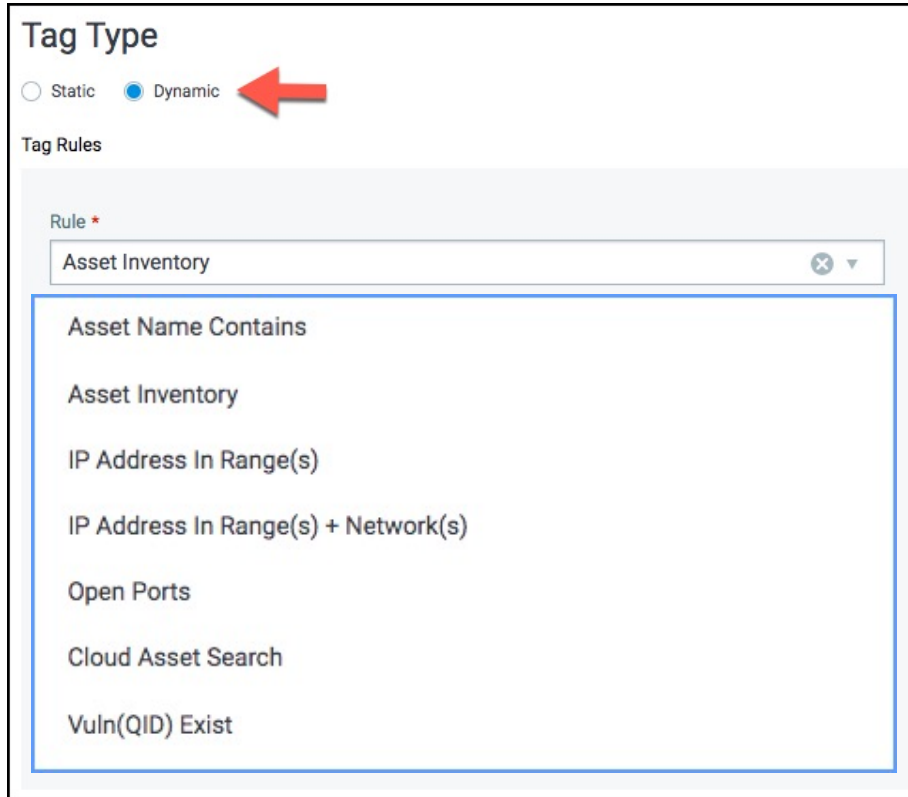
```
X    software:(license.category:`Commercial`)              ?
```

Open Source – Free for public use.

```
X    software:(license.category:`Open Source`)             ?
```

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Dynamic Rule-Based Tags

Tag Type

○ Static   ● Dynamic

Tag Rules

Rule *

| Asset Inventory | ✕ ▾ |

Asset Name Contains

Asset Inventory

IP Address In Range(s)

IP Address In Range(s) + Network(s)

Open Ports

Cloud Asset Search

Vuln(QID) Exist

- The "Asset Inventory" rule engine allows you to build tags using query tokens, including the Hardware, OS, and Software category tokens.

- Other "dynamic" rule engines are also available.

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Lab 3 : Dynamic Rule-Based Tags

Please consult pages 17 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

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Unidentified vs. Unknown

Some OS and Hardware assets may appear as "unidentified" or "unknown."

Unidentified

- Not enough data has been discovered/collected for Qualys to determine the asset's hardware or operating system.

Unknown

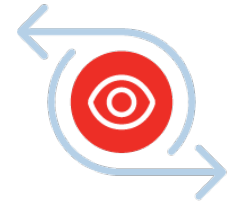- Adequate data exists for Qualys to categorize the asset, but it has yet to be cataloged.

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Network Passive Sensor

Passive Sensor Overview

- Sniffs traffic via network TAP or the SPAN port of a network switch.

- Captured data and traffic is sent to the Qualys Platform for analysis and processing.

1. Discovered assets not in your account, are placed in the "Unmanaged" section of Qualys CSAM.

2. Enable "Traffic Analysis" to reveal communication between assets, including conversations between managed and unmanaged assets.

Managed vs. Unmanaged Assets

1. If discovered data is confirmed to match an asset already in your account, its information can be merged with the existing asset.

2. Discovered assets not in your account, are placed in the "Unmanaged" section of Qualys CSAM.

Network Traffic Analyzer

- Conversations between assets can offer new discoveries and insights.

Network Passive Sensor User Guides

Qualys. Community   Discussions   Blog   Training   **Docs**   Support

Search documentation   qualys.com/documentation

Sensors

+ Cloud Agents

+ Scanner Appliance

— Network Passive Sensor

Online Help

Getting Started Guide

Physical Appliance User Guide

Virtual Appliance User Guide

Deployment Guide

Release Notes

Training

Passive Sensors can be deployed as a physical or virtual appliances.

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CMDB Sync

Certified ServiceNow CMDB Sync App

- Supports 2-way sync (Qualys to ServiceNow and ServiceNow to Qualys)

- Up-to-date, categorized, normalized, and enriched ServiceNow CMDB

- Enrich Qualys assets with key CMDB business data

- Synchronization schedules can be configured and saved.

- Asset metadata is only synchronized for assets that already exist in both Qualys and ServiceNow.

- Optionally, asset information is staged for user approval before being written to CMDB.

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Import Business Attributes from ServiceNow CMDB

- Automatically import business application and business context attributes from ServiceNow CMDB

- Identify other assets associated with a business application

Lab 4 : CMDB Sync and Business Context

Please consult pages 19 to 20 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

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Use Business Attributes to Search for Assets

businessApp:(businessCriticality

businessApp:(environment

businessApp:(id

businessApp:(managedBy

businessApp:(name

businessApp:(operationalStatus

businessApp:(ownedBy

businessApp:(supportGroup

businessApp:(supportedBy

- Use any of the "businessApp" search tokens to single out assets, based on the business information and characteristics provided by ServiceNow.

- Queries using these tokens will impact assets already synchronized.

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Integration with ServiceNow CMDB

To implement ServiceNow CMDB Integration, a Qualys subscription with API access is required, along with the following application modules:

- CSAM
- Vulnerability Management

1. **Qualys CMDB Sync App**
   - Install the Qualys CMDB Sync App (available in ServiceNow Online Store)

2. **Qualys CMDB Sync Service Graph Connector App**
   - Install the Qualys Service Graph Connector App (available in ServiceNow Online Store)
   - ITOM Visibility license in ServiceNow

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CMDB Sync App User Guides

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Cloud Apps

IT Asset Management

+ Global AssetView
+ CyberSecurity Asset Management
+ AssetView
− CMDB Sync
    Qualys CMDB Sync Service Graph Connector App
    Qualys CMDB Sync App
+ Certificate Inventory

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Public APIs for CMDB Sync

- CSAM now supports import of **Asset business metadata** and **Business app metadata** from your CMDB into your Qualys asset inventory (using v2 APIs).

- Imported business attributes are listed in the Asset Details page.

- User must have access to the CSAM module with API enabled for that role.

- Currently supports maximum 250 records for import in one API call for both Asset and Business app metadata.

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API User Guide

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API User Guides
- Asset Mgmt and Tagging v2 API
- Certificate View API
- Cloud Agent (CA) API
- CloudView API
- Container Security API
- Continuous Monitoring (CM) API
- Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) API
- File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) API v1
- File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) API v2
- Global AssetView/CyberSecurity Asset Management API v1
- Global AssetView/CyberSecurity Asset Management API v2
- Malware Detection (MD) API
- Out-of-band Configuration Assessment (OCA) API v1
- Out-of-band Configuration Assessment (OCA) API v2

- Use API v2 to import asset business metadata and business app metadata from your CMDB.

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Detect and Monitor Security Gaps

Detect and Monitor Security Gaps

Asset Prioritization (Define Asset Criticality Score)

Product Lifecycle Management* (EOL/EOS/Obsolete hardware and software automatically identified through enrichment in QCP)

Software Authorization* (configure rules to identify authorized/unauthorized software)

Discover and Inventory

CSAM

Detect and Monitor

Report and Respond

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Asset Criticality Score

Asset Criticality Score

Asset Criticality Score

This score represents the criticality of the asset to your business infrastructure.

ⓘ Here, score 1 being the lowest criticality and 5 being the highest criticality assigned to an asset, when selected.

○ 1 ○ 2 ● 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

- User defined scores

- Configured and implemented through Asset Tags

- Scale of 1 to 5:
  - 5 = most critical
  - 1= least critical

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Asset Criticality Score

- An asset is scored by its tag with the highest criticality.

- Assets without scored tags will receive a default score of two (2).

Product Lifecycle Management

Product Lifecycle Information

- Identify EOL/EOS software and hardware

- Secure your environment by eliminating unsupported software and hardware

- Plan hardware refresh and software upgrades

Product Lifecycle

1.07K   3.71K

EOL   EOS

13   12

EOS   OBS

Track software and hardware lifecycle related issues.

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Hardware Lifecycle Stage

Search Token: `hardware.lifecycle.stage:`*`value`*

- **General Availability** (GA) - Hardware is in production, available for purchase, and supported

- **End of Sale** (EOS)- No longer being sold or by vendor

- **Obsolete** (OBS) - End-of-Service; no longer serviced via upgrades, patches, or maintenance

Hardware

Category
Networking Device / Switch

Model
Cisco Systems Catalyst 3850 Series 3850-24P

Lifecycle Information
Generally Available

Nov 25 2012	Not Announced	Not Announced
Generally Available	End-of-Sale	End-of-Service

Hardware Lifecycle Search Tokens

Attribute	Examples	Search Token
lifecycle stage	"INTRO", "GA", "EOS", "OBS"	hardware.lifecycle.stage
Introduction date	Feb-2015	hardware.lifecycle.intro
General Availability date	Apr-21-2014	hardware.lifecycle.ga
End-of-Sale date	May-2016	hardware.lifecycle.eos
Obsolete date	Jun-2018	hardware.lifecycle.obs

- The 'lifecycle.stage' token is useful when searching for the present stage of an asset.
- Use the other 'lifecycle' tokens to search for future EOS, and OBS dates.

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OS & Software Lifecycle Stages

Search Tokens:
```
operatingSystem.lifecycle.stage:value
software:(lifecycle.stage:value)
```

- **Generally Available** (GA) - When the product became available for purchase.

- **End-of-Life** (EOL) - No longer marketing, selling, building new features, or promoting product (Security patches may still be provided).

- **End-of-Service** (EOS) - No longer serviced via upgrades, patches, or maintenance.

Operating System

Name
Cisco Systems Cisco IOS XE Fuji (16.9.4)

Installed Date
-

Lifecycle Information
Generally Available (Not Announced)

-	Not Announced	Not Announced
Generally Available	End-of-Life	End-of-Service

OS Lifecycle Search Tokens

Attribute	Examples	Search Token
Lifecycle state	"GA", "EOL", "EOS"	operatingSystem.lifecycle.stage
Support Stage	"Premier", "Extended", "Obsolete"	
General Availability date	Feb-15-2008	operatingSystem.lifecycle.ga
End-of-Life date	Nov-23-2013	operatingSystem.lifecycle.eol
End-of-Support date	Jun-18-2015	operatingSystem.lifecycle.eos

- The 'lifecycle.stage' token is useful when searching for the present stage of an asset.
- Use the other 'lifecycle' tokens to search for future EOL and EOS dates.

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Software Lifecycle Search Tokens

Attribute	Examples	Search Token
lifecycle stage	"Beta", "GA", "EOL", "EOS"	software:(lifecycle.stage:
General Availability date	Apr-21-2014	software:(lifecycle.ga:
End-of-Life date	May-2016	software:(lifecycle.eol:
End-of-Support date	Jun-2018	software:(lifecycle.eos:

- The 'lifecycle.stage' token is useful when searching for the present stage of an asset.
- Use the other 'lifecycle' tokens to search for future EOL and EOS dates.

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Lab 5 : Product Lifecycle Management

Please consult pages 23 to 24 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

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Authorized & Unauthorized Software

CIS Control 2: Inventory and Control of Software Assets

CIS Controls

Overview

Actively manage (inventory, track, and correct) all software (operating systems and applications) on the network so that only authorized software is installed and can execute, and that unauthorized and unmanaged software is found and prevented from installation or execution.

CONTROL **02** **Inventory and Control of Software Assets**

7 Safeguards — IG1 3/7 — IG2 6/7 — IG3 7/7

https://www.cisecurity.org/controls/inventory-and-control-of-software-assets/

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Software Rule Types

- Create rules for authorized/unauthorized software and software that needs to be reviewed.

Lab 6: Software Authorization

Please consult pages 25 - 27 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.

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Create Software Rules

- View, create and modify rules from the RULES section or the "Software" tab under the INVENTORY section.

Rule Precedence

- Rules at the top of the list have precedence over the rules below.
- Click the "Reorder" button to move rules higher or lower.

Software Authorization Tokens

- **AUTHORIZED**

  ✕ software:(authorization:`Authorized`) ❓

- **UNAUTHORIZED**

  ✕ software:(authorization:`Unauthorized`) ❓

- **NEEDS REVIEW**

  ✕ software:(authorization:`Needs Review`) ❓

- After creating software authorization rules, software authorization tokens can be used to search and query.

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Report & Respond

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Report and Respond

Visualize Data (use dashboards to identify at risk assets)

Reports (configure reports for IT and compliance requirements)*

Configure Rule-Based Alerts (define criteria for alert notifications)*

Repeat

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Discover and Inventory

CSAM

Report and Respond

Detect and Monitor

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Reports

Asset, Software and Compliance Reports

- Custom Reports (.csv file format)
  - Asset Details *(host information)*
  - Software Details *(host and software information)*
  - FedRAMP Compliance *(host and software information as required by RedRAMP)*

Lab 7 : Asset, Software, and Compliance Reports

Please consult pages 28 to 30 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

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Display Options

Report Display
Select the columns you want to show in your report

Host Information

- ☑ Asset ID
- ☑ Asset Host ID
- ☑ Asset Name
- ☑ Asset Type
- ☑ MAC Address
- ☑ IP Address
- ☑ Asset Time Zone

- ☐ Sources
- ☐ Last Logged O
- ☐ Bios Serial Nu
- ☐ Bios Asset Ta
- ☐ Is Container H
- ☐ OS Category 1
- ☐ OS Category 2

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Asset Report

- ☐ NetBIOS Name
- ☐ DNS Hostname
- ☐ Asset Agent Id
- ☐ Asset Created Date
- ☐ Asset Last Updated Date
- ☐ Last VM Scan Date

- ☐ OS Edition
- ☐ OS MarketVer
- ☐ OS Product UR
- ☐ OS Product Fa
- ☐ OS GA Date
- ☐ OS EOL Date

Report Display
Select the columns you want to show in your report

Software Information

- ☑ Software Name
- ☑ Software Type
- ☑ Software Product
- ☑ Software Version
- ☑ Software Update
- ☑ Software Publisher
- ☑ Software Authorization Status
- ☐ Software Product Family
- ☐ Software Category 1
- ☐ Software Category 2
- ☐ Software Component
- ☐ Software Edition

- ☐ Software Market Version
- ☐ Software Architecture
- ☐ Software Package Name
- ☐ Software Support Stage Description
- ☐ Software Lifecycle GA Date
- ☐ Software Lifecycle EOL Date
- ☐ Software Lifecycle EOS Date
- ☐ Software Lifecycle Stage
- ☐ Software Lifecycle Confidence
- ☐ Software Lifecycle EOL Support Stage

- ☐ Software Li Support Sta
- ☐ Software Li Stage
- ☐ Software Li
- ☐ Software Li Subcategor
- ☐ Software In
- ☐ Software P
- ☐ Software Fc As
- ☐ Is Software
- ☐ Is Software Componen

Host Informati

Software Report

- ☐ Asset ID
- ☐ Asset Host ID
- ☐ Asset Name
- ☐ Asset Type

- ☐ Sources
- ☐ Last Logged On User
- ☐ Bios Serial Number
- ☐ Bios Asset Tag

- ☐ Hardware C
- ☐ Hardware C
- ☐ Hardware M
- ☐ Hardware Product

Report Display
Select the columns you want to show in your report

Software Information   ☑ Select All

- ☑ Software/ Database Vendor
- ☑ Software/ Database Name & Version
- ☑ Patch Level
- ☑ Function

- ☑ Comments
- ☑ Software Lifecycle GA Date
- ☑ Software Lifecycle EOL Date
- ☑ Software Lifecycle EOS Date

- ☑ Software Lifecycle Stage
- ☑ Software Lifecycle Confidence
- ☑ Software Lifecycle EOL Support Stage
- ☑ Software Lifecycle EOS Support Stage

FedRAMP Compliance Report

- ☑ Qualys Unique identifier
- ☑ UNIQUE ASSET IDENTIFIER
- ☑ IPv4 or IPv6 Address
- ☑ Virtual
- ☑ Public
- ☑ DNS Name or URL
- ☑ NetBIOS Name
- ☑ MAC Address
- ☑ Authenticated Scan
- ☑ Baseline Configuration

- ☑ Location
- ☑ Asset Type
- ☑ Hardware Make/Model
- ☑ In Latest Scan
- ☑ Bios Asset Tag
- ☑ Bios Serial Number
- ☑ VLAN/Network ID
- ☑ System Administrator/ Owner
- ☑ Application Administrator/ Owner

- ☑ OS Lifecycle EOS Date
- ☑ OS Lifecycle Stage
- ☑ OS Lifecycle Confidence
- ☑ OS Lifecycle EOL Support Stage
- ☑ OS Lifecycle EOS Support Stage
- ☑ HW Lifecycle GA Date
- ☑ HW Lifecycle Intro Date
- ☑ HW Lifecycle EOS Date
- ☑ HW Lifecycle Obsolete Date

Selected attributes will be column headers in the report

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Interactive Report

- Includes an interactive workflow to identify and list issues and security gaps (obsolete hardware, EOL/EOS software, unauthorized software, etc.).

Lab 8 : Interactive Reports

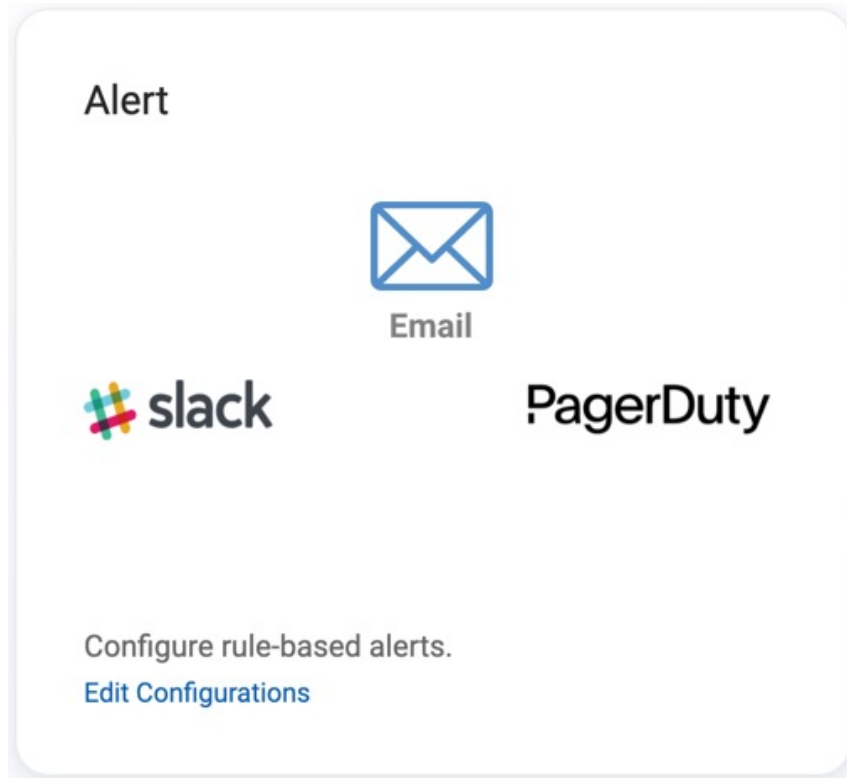*Please consult pages 31 to 33 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.*

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Rule-Based Alerts

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Alert Actions

Alert

Email

slack   PagerDuty

Configure rule-based alerts.
Edit Configurations

- Receive alert notifications via Email, Slack, and PagerDuty.

- Alert Rules are evaluated when host inventory is updated.

- One or more actions must be defined prior to creating Alert Rules.

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Lab 9 : Rule-Based Alerts

Please consult pages 34 to 37 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

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Rule Query

- The Rule Query specifies the criteria for triggering an alert action.

Rule Query

Provide a query to match particular source that will trigger the alert

Rule Query *

```
software:(authorization:`Unauthorized` and firstFound:[now-1d ... now])
```

Sample Queries   Test Query

- Sample queries are provided to get you started.

- Immediately notify your operational teams when critical or suspicious events are monitored:

  - Unauthorized software discovered
  - Assets reaching EOS dates
  - Insufficient storage space on host
  - Malicious software discovered
  - and more...

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Insert Tokens

Insert tokens into the message body to include useful asset information and details in the alert:

- Asset Criticality Score

- Last Logged On User

- AWS, Azure, and GCP metadata

- Hardware and OS categories

- and more...

Alert Activity

- Monitor alert activity under the "Activity" tab.

Vulnerability Management

VM Sensors

Vulnerability Findings

- Industry-leading vulnerability KnowledgeBase with tens-of-thousands of vulnerability signatures.

- Each vulnerability is ranked and associated with:

  - Qualys Severity Level
  - CVSS Score
  - CVE & Bugtraq IDs
  - Available Patches
  - Known Threats
  - Associated Malware
  - and more...

Severity	Level
■	Minimal
■■	Medium
■■■	Serious
■■■■	Critical
■■■■■	Urgent

1
2
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5

Severity	Level
■	Minimal
■■	Medium
■■■	Serious
■■■■	Critical
■■■■■	Urgent

- An unlimited number of ways to identify, prioritize, and patch vulnerabilities.

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Lab 10 : Vulnerability Findings

Please consult pages 38 to 40 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

PLAY   Tutorial begins on page 39.

5 mins

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Vulnerability Findings In CSAM

- View and patch vulnerability findings from within CyberSecurity Asset Management (on a per asset basis).

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Vulnerability Findings in VMDR

Which ones are patchable?

1. Detected vulnerabilities must be associated with one or more patches found in the Qualys Patch Catalog

2. Detection Host must be running the Qualys Cloud Agent

3. Cloud Agent must have the PM module activated

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Dashboards & Widgets

Out-of-Box Dashboard Templates

Widget Types

Dashboard widgets can be designed to display query results as counts, tables, columns, or pie charts.

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Lab 11 : Dashboards & Widgets

Please consult pages 41 to 44 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

PLAY ➤ Tutorial begins on page 41.

5 mins

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Count Widget

- The "Count Widget" can be configured to automatically change color, when specific conditions or thresholds are met.

Enable Trending in Widgets

- Visualize changes or swings in momentum or progress.

- When enabled, widgets can store trend data for up to 90 days.

- Trend lines plotted on a graph are added to the widget.

Dashboard Tags

- Add one or more Asset Tags through the Dashboard Editor.

- The "Default Dashboard Access Tag" is created by Qualys.

- Share dashboards with other Qualys users by assigning "dashboard" tag(s) to their accounts.

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Threat Detection & Prioritization

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VMDR Threat Feed

Search for threats by content, category or publish date and click to view impacted assets.

Threat Feed Sources

Exploit Sources

Source Type	Data Type
Core Security	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Exploit-DB	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Metasploit	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Contagio Dump	Exploit Kits mapped to CVEs
Immunity - Agora - Dsquare - Enable Security - White Phosporus	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Google Project Zero	Zero-Days mapped to CVEs

Malware Sources

Source Type	Data Type
Reversing Labs	CVEs associated with malware
Trend Micro	Malware names associated with CVEs
McAfee	Ransomware mapped to CVEs

- The Qualys Threat and Malware research team leverages exploit and malware data from multiple sources.

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VMDR Prioritization Report

Welcome to VMDR Prioritization

Prioritize your remediation activities by adding threat intelligence and asset context to your vulnerabilities

Prioritize vulnerabilities by:

• Asset Context

• Vulnerability Age

• Threat Intelligence

• Attack Surface

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Lab 12: VMDR Prioritization Report

Please consult pages 46 to 51 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

PLAY Tutorial begins on page 46.

5 min.

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Asset Tags Add Context

- Design and build Asset Tags that help to distinguish the "context" of your assets.
- Leverage tags that use the "Asset Inventory" rule engine, along with 1) hardware, 2) software, and 3) OS categories.

Priority Options

Prioritize discovered vulnerabilities by Age, RTIs, and Attack Surface.

Age

- **Detection Age** – reflects the number of days since you first detected the vulnerability (e.g., by Qualys scanner or Cloud Agent).

- **Vulnerability Age** – (i.e., real age) reflects the number days since Qualys published the vulnerability to our KnowledgeBase.

Real-Time Threat Indicators (RTI)

- Provided by VMDR Threat Feed.

Attack Surface

Continue to define asset context with "Attack Surface" options.

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Deploy Priority Patches

Patchable assets have Cloud Agent installed and Patch Management activated.

Windows & Linux Patches

1. Available patches provided for Windows hosts.
2. Available patches provide for Linux hosts.

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Zero-Touch Patch Job

- Select the "Zero-Touch Patch Job" option from the VMDR Prioritization Report.

- Patches are not selected individually, but instead are targeted using a query.

- Schedule patch jobs to recur daily, weekly, or monthly.

- Specific patching use-cases are ideal for "Zero-Touch" patching.

Lab 13 : Zero-Touch Patch Job

Please consult page 50 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.

PLAY Tutorials begins on page 50.

5 min.

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Automated Patch Selection

Create: Windows Deployment Job

STEPS 4/9

1. Basic Information
2. Select Assets
3. Select Pre-actions
4. **Select Patches**
5. Select Post-actions
6. Schedule
7. Options

Select Patches

Choose the patches you want to install for the selected assets or create a query to automate the job.

○ Manual Patch Selection
Select manually from the available list of patches.

● Automated Patch Selection
Define QQL to automatically identify patches to remediate current and future vulnerabilities every time the job runs.

| Vulnerability | ✕ | (vulnerabilities.vulnerability:(threatIntel.malware:True or threatIntel.activeAttacks: |

Note: For optimum performance, only missing and non-superseded patches that match the QQL criteria will be added to the job.

> Patches that meet the query condition are added to the deployment job, automatically.

- The query is generated from the options (Age, RTIs, and Attack Surface) selected in the Prioritization Report.

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Export to Dashboard

Results will be continuously updated within the Dashboard Widget.

Patch Management

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Patch Management Overview

- Automatically correlates discovered vulnerabilities with their required patches

- Leverage existing Qualys Cloud Agents to deploy and uninstall patches

- Provides OS and Application patches, including patches from third-party software vendors (e.g., Adobe, Java, Google, Mozilla, Microsoft, etc...)

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Patch Management Overview (cont.)

- Available for Windows, CentOS 6/7, and RHEL 6/7/8

- Provides patching just about anywhere an Internet connection is available (e.g., airports, coffee shops, remote offices, etc...)

- Qualys Agents determine which patches are missing or required and can identify superseded patches

- Build patch jobs that target specific vulnerabilities, severity levels, and known threats

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Patch Sources

OS and Application Patches come from:

- Vendor Global CDNs (e.g., Oracle, Adobe, Microsoft, Apache, Google, etc...)

- YUM repositories (Linux)

- Local repository (i.e., Qualys Gateway Server)

  - Patch downloads requested by one agent, are cached on QGS and made available "locally" for other agents that need the same patch.

  - QGS also provides a cache for manifests and agent binaries

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Qualys PM Workflow

CA   1. Install Cloud Agent on target host.

CA   2. Assign target agent host to a CA Configuration Profile that has PM configuration enabled.

CA   3. Activate PM module on target agent host.

PM   4. Assign target agent host to an enabled Assessment Profile.

PM   5. Allocate patching licenses.

PM   6. Create Patch Jobs.

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Configuration Profile

- Presently, PM has one agent configuration setting.

- Set "Cache size" to at least 2048 MB, to accommodate Windows Updates.

Activate PM Module for Target Host

CA

- Select the PM module in the Agent Activation Key, before and after agent deployment.

Provision Key for these applications

CSAM	CyberSecurity Asset Management Activations managed by CSAM	☑	PM	Patch Management 191 Activations Remaining
☑ VM	Vulnerability Management 89 Activations Remaining	☐	PC	Policy Compliance 89 Activations Remaining
☐ EDR	Endpoint Detection and Response 93 Activations Remaining	☐	FIM	File Integrity Monitoring 89 Activations Remaining
☑ SCA	Secure Config Assessment 100 Activations Remaining			

- Use the "Quick Actions" menu to activate PM for any agent host or use the Qualys Cloud Agent API.

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Assessment Profile

- Specifies frequency of patch assessment scans.
- System Profile will be used by default.

License Consumption

License Consumption

Patch Management		Total Consumption
Type: **FULL**		9 Of 100
Expiring in: **3.04K days** on **Jan 31, 2030 05:59 pm** Status: **ACTIVE**		100%

Select assets for patch management

Select asset tags to include or exclude for patch management. Total Consumption counter shows the number of licenses used based on the number of matching assets contained in the included asset tags.

Include Assets Tags   Select Tags

Cloud Agent ✕

☑ Add Exclusion Asset Tags

Exclude Assets Tags   Select Tags

Don't Patch ✕ ⬅   Exclude assets you do not want to patch.

- Use Asset Tags to specify hosts for patching and to exclude others.
- Only agent host assets will consume a patch license.

Patch Deployment Job

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Deployment Job Wizard

STEPS 1/7

1. Basic Information
2. Select Assets
3. Select Patches
4. Schedule
5. Options
6. Job Access
7. Confirmation

- Build patch jobs step-by-step.

- Select assets and patches.

- Configure scheduling option or run on-demand.

- Configure communication and reboot options.

- Assign access to a job.

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Lab 14 : Patch Deployment

Please consult pages 52 to 57 in the lab tutorial

supplement for details.

PLAY Tutorial begins on page 52.

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Select Assets

Asset Tag Tips

- Design Asset Tag hierarchies with nested structures.

- Selecting a "parent" tag as a patching target, includes its "child" tags automatically.

- Use tags to distinguish between production and testing assets.

Pre and Post Actions

Create: Windows Deployment Job

STEPS 3/9

1. Basic Information
2. Select Assets
3. Select Pre-actions
4. Select Patches
5. Select Post-actions
6. Schedule
7. Options
8. Job Access
9. Confirmation

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Select Pre-Actions

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caused by

Qualys end
production

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of use, dat
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will not ap

By adding

Select Pre-Actions

Select an action that you want to execute on assets before the job starts.

Action *

Run Script ⌄

Run Script
Install Software

Script Name *

[   ]

Custom Script *

[   ]

20480/20480 characters remaining

[Cancel]   [Add]

Configure action to execute before job starts

Run a PowerShell script or install software

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Select Patches

Use patch selector

Select patches using QQL query

← Create: **Windows Deployment Job**

STEPS 4/9

1. Basic Information
2. Select Assets
3. Select Pre-actions
4. Select Patches
5. Select Post-actions
6. Schedule
7. Options
8. Job Access
9. Confirmation

Select Patches

Choose the patches you want to install for the selected assets or create a query to automate the job.

◉ Manual Patch Selection
Select manually from the available list of patches.

○ Automated Patch Selection
Define QQL to automatically identify patches to remedi
the job runs.

There are no patches selected

Take me to patch selector

120

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Manual Patch Selection

View patches within scope of selected assets

Use queries to narrow selections

List: **Patch Selector**
Close

vendorSeverity:`Critical` and category:`Security Patches`

209
Total Patches

Within Scope | All | Add to Job

1 - 50 of **209**

PATCH TITLE	PUBLISHED DATE		ARCHIT	BULLETIN	KB	CATEGORY	QID	VENDOR SEVERITY	CVE
Security Cumulative Update for ...	Sep 14, 2021	⏻	X64	MS21-09-W10-...	KB5005573	Security Patch...	91772 273 more...	■ Critical	CVE-2021-36960 29 more...
Security update available for Ad...	Sep 14, 2021	⏻	X86	APSB21-55	QARDC2100...	Security Patch...	372564 42 more...	■ Critical	CVE-2021-39851 25 more...
Servicing stack update for Win...	Sep 14, 2021	⏻	X64	MS21-09-SSU-...	KB5005698	Security Patch...	91482 2 more...	■ Critical	-
Security Cumulative Update for ...	Sep 14, 2021	⏻	X64	MS21-09-W10-...	KB5005568	Security Patch...	91772 145 more...	■ Critical	CVE-2021-36960 33 more...
Security Cumulative Update for ...	Sep 14, 2021	⏻	X64	MS21-09-W10-...	KB5005565	Security Patch...	91651 63 more...	■ Critical	CVE-2021-36960 33 more...
September 14, 2021-KB500562...	Sep 13, 2021	⏻	X64	MS21-09-SO81...	KB5005627	Security Patch...	91814 1 more...	■ Critical	CVE-2021-36960 24 more...
KB5005112: Servicing stack up...	Aug 10, 2021	⏻	X64	MS21-08-SSU-...	KB5005112	Security Patch...	91482 2 more...	■ Critical	-

SUPERSEDED
true — 171
false — 38

APP FAMILY
Windows — 148
Firefox — 17
Chrome — 9
Internet Explorer — 9
Java — 8
8 more ⌄

VENDOR
Microsoft — 166
Mozilla Foundati... — 17
Google — 9

Use filters to narrow selections

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Automated Patch Selection

Select patches using QQL query

Use a query to select patches

← Create: **Windows Deployment Job**

STEPS 4/9

1 Basic Information

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6 Schedule

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9 Confirmation

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the job runs.

| Patch ⌄ | ✕ | vendor:Microsoft and vendorSeverity:Critical |

Note: For optimum performance, only missing and non-superseded patches that match the QQL criteria will be added

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"Within Scope" Patch

"Within Scope" only includes patches needed by your targeted host assets.

Schedule Deployment

Run jobs "on demand" or schedule them to run at regular frequencies.

Opportunistic Patch Download

Additional Job Settings

Enable opportunistic patch download
The agent attempts to download patches before a scheduled job runs.
ON

Minimize job progress window
Allow end-users to minimize message windows.
OFF

You can "Enable opportunistic patch download," to allow agents to download required patches prior to the start of a scheduled job.

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Patch Window

- A host will display the "Timed out" status, if the patch installation does not start within a specified patch window.

- Select the "None" option to give agents an unlimited amount of time.

Windows Communication Options

Deployment and Reboot Communication Options

Define user (recipient) patch deployment communication and reboot warning messages to encourage and educate the user about patch installment and the reboot cycle.

Reboot messages

Suppress Reboot ⬤ OFF

Asset reboot is suppressed and users are not prompted for reboot post patch installation.

Reboot Request ⬤ OFF

Show a message to users indicating that a reboot is required.
(If no user is logged in, the reboot will start immediately after patch deployment)

Reboot Countdown ⬤ OFF

Show countdown message to users after deferment limit is reached.

Choose the type of "Deployment and Reboot Communication Options" for each Deployment Job.

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Host "Pop-Up" Messages

"Pre-Deployment and "Reboot Request messages can be configured with deferment options.

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PM Processes & Executables

- When patching is active on a Windows host, patching messages and notifications are managed by the "Qualys Cloud Agent UI" process (QualysAgentUI.exe)

- 'stdeploy.exe' is the name of the patching executable.

Linux Communication Options

Reboot messages

Suppress Reboot   OFF
Asset reboot is suppressed and users are not prompted for reboot post patch installation.

Reboot Countdown   ON
Show countdown message to users after deferment limit is reached.

TITLE *

Reboot countdown started

MESSAGE

The system reboot is initiated. It will reboot automatically after the timer countdown.

413/500 characters remaining

START COUNT-DOWN FROM *

| 15 | Minutes |

Additional Job Settings

Continue patching even after a package fails to install for a patch   ON
Enabling this setting ensures that if one of the packages for the patch fails to install, installation of other packages is attempted.

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Add to Existing Job?

- Patches and assets can be added to any deployment job, before it is enabled
- Patches and assets can be added to a "recurring" job, both before and after it is enabled.

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Job Status

View Job Status:

- **Enabled** – Job is presently active.

- **Disabled** – Job is presently inactive.

- **Completed** – Job has completed.

View Job Progress

STATUS	ASSET NAME	OS	PATCHES		
			INSTALLED	FAILED	SKIPPED
Pending Oct 28, 2019	**WS2016DFW242** fe80:0:0:0:d42d:825a:8140:153, 192.168....	Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Stand...	—	—	—
Completed Oct 28, 2019	**WS2012EVAL206** fe80:0:0:0:383a:fada:a31b:e92c, 192.168...	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 Sta...	0	0	1
Completed Oct 28, 2019	**WS2016DFW251** fe80:0:0:0:fd21:1c55:3da9:ba53, 192.168...	Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Stand...	0	0	1

Pending | Job Sent | Downloaded | Patching | Pendin ⏻ | Completed

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Best Practices

■ Use Asset Tags as targets for patch deployment jobs.

■ Deploy patches to test hosts, first (create Asset Tags that distinguish between test and production assets).

■ Once test deployments are verified, **clone the deployment job** and include production asset tags

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Clone job

Clone an existing job

Patch Catalog

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Patches

- The Patch Catalog contains tens of thousands of OS and application patches.
- Presently, you can add up to 2000 patches to a single job.

Lab 15 : Patch Catalog

Please consult pages 58 to 61 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.

PLAY ➤ Tutorial begins on page 58.

10 mins

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Catalog's Default Display Filters

The default filters in the Patch Catalog, display patches that are missing and only the latest patches (non-superseded).

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Acquire From Vendor

Patches identified with the "key-shaped" icon, cannot be downloaded by Qualys' Cloud Agent.

Prioritized Products

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Prioritized Products

- Focus on products in your environment that are important to patch on a regular basis

- Prioritizes products that have introduced the most vulnerabilities (over the last 2 years)

- Create a "zero-touch" patch job targeting products with most vulnerabilities

  1. Patches are selected using QQL

  2. Selected patches are included in recuring deployment jobs (daily, weekly, monthly)

- Click the "Prioritize Products" button from the Patch Catalog.

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Create Job Using Query

- Select applications from the "Prioritized Products" list and use the "Actions" button to "Create Job using Query."

- A query designed to target the selected products is constructed automatically (using QQL).

Create a Query for Patches

- The generated query condition(s) will specify the criteria for selecting patches each time the job runs:
    - daily
    - weekly
    - monthly

Course Resources

VMDR Certification Exam

https://gm1.geolearning.com/geonext/qualys/scheduledclassdetails4enroll.geo?&id=22511237827

VMDR Trial Account

`https://www.qualys.com/forms/vmdr/`

You will find the exam link and trial account link at the back of the VMDR Lab Tutorial Supplement.

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